

✧ **WEST BERKS MISSION DISTRICT** ✧  
**Newsletter - September 2010**

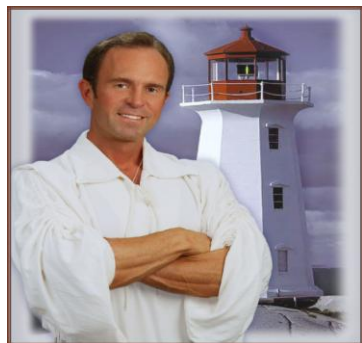
The West Berks Mission District is a coalition of area Lutheran Churches working together to do effective, cooperative ministry. YOU are a member of the West Berks Mission District!

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Mr. Charlie Zahm

*“Let your light so shine!”*

**WBMD Gala – Tuesday, October 5, 2010**  
**Crowne Plaza Hotel in Wyomissing**  
**Registration and Appetizers at 6:00 PM**  
**Dinner at 6:30 PM**  
**Cost per person - \$30.00**

Join us for this special evening together as we celebrate God's light shining through the ministries of the West Berks Mission District. Gather with other Lutherans for a meal, learn about the ministries we do together and then enjoy the wonderful entertainment presented by Celtic musician, Charlie Zahm with Tad Marks, on the fiddle. You can check out Charlie's website at [www.charliezahm.com](http://www.charliezahm.com)

Talk to others from your congregation and get a group together for the evening. We will be seated at tables of 8. **Choice of entrées include: Pretzel Dijon Crusted Pork Loin; Tango Mango Salmon; or, Vegetarian Lasagna.**

Please respond with the slip below. **The deadline for reservations is September 21, 2010.**



Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Please Print)

Circle your Choice of Entrée:

	Pork	Salmon	Vegetarian Lasagna
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**Please make check payable to West Berks Mission District, MEMO: 2010 Gala.**  
**Mail check & form to: West Berks Mission District, 1015 Windsor St., Reading, PA 19604**

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### ***WBMD's Love for Children Day Camp 2010*** ***"Marching in the Light of God. Be Courageous and Bold!"***

What a fantastic summer for our day camp! This summer, seven enthusiastic counselors embarked on a courageous journey. The counselors included (see inset, from left) Jarrod Miller, Dave Mengel (volunteer), Caitlin Grauel, Becky Perry, Jon Rodriguez, KC Kohler, and Marie Mengel, Camp Director. After a week of training this past June, the counselors were eager and ready to travel to five different churches throughout the city of Reading to learn and have fun with children.

This year, WBMD Day Camp, was able to touch the lives of approximately 185 children throughout the summer. The children and the staff included, had an outstanding summer filled with music, arts, games, swimming, and field trips. A big thank you is in order for St Luke's Lutheran Church, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Hope Lutheran Church, Grace Lutheran Church, all from Reading, and Zion Lutheran Church, Womelsdorf, for hosting and providing food for the day campers.

How exciting to hear that some of the children are still singing the songs and sharing the lessons and stories throughout the various neighborhoods. In addition, the children of WBMD Day Camp collected pennies throughout the summer for the Reading Public Library. At the end of the summer, \$130.00 will be donated to the library to promote reading and literacy throughout communities. What a bold act to end the summer!

It was a blessing to have a tremendously hardworking and caring staff. Every day was truly a testament of love and learning in God's ministry. Many friendships and lasting memories were formed. Thank you for a successful summer!

### **Financial Fitness Educational Event**

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' *Financial Fitness* program will be presented on **Wednesday, September 22nd at Noon at Grace Lutheran Church in Shillington.** *Financial Fitness* is a four-part series designated to give high school students the information they need to become financially fit. This program provides students with key financial concepts and strategies, enabling them to take steps now to a more secure financial future. The series covers topics such as decision-making, values and budgeting, balancing spending and saving, and giving back to the community. This information is extremely important for students to understand before they go off to college.

This training program is being offered by Thrivent's Southwest Berks Chapter and is open to anyone interested. It will be especially useful to pastors, Christian Education directors and youth leaders who can take the information back to their congregations to present to their youth.

Lunch will be provided. **RSVP by September 15th to Jackie Grauel at Grace Lutheran, 610-777-7885** so that we can plan accordingly for lunch and materials.

### **WBMD Calendar of Events**

Sept. 11 – West Berks WELCA Cluster  
Sept. 21 – Family Promise "Taste of Hope" Event  
October 5 – WBMD Gala at Crowne Plaza  
October 14 – Retired Pastors Luncheon at  
Crossroads Restaurant on Rt. 61  
October 26 – WBMD Council Meeting at St. Paul's  
October 31 – WBMD Reformation Service  
Nov. 18 – WBMD Fall Assembly at Reformation  
February 18-19, 2011 – Annual Youth Event with  
Captive Free

### ***Some special events...***

**Sept. 11** – West Berks WELCA Cluster gathering  
at Nativity Lutheran Church - 8:30 AM  
Program: "**Awareness of Human Trafficking**"

The presenter for this event will be Sister Jean Jacobchik. While anyone can get caught up in human trafficking, this topic is especially relevant to youth!

**Sept. 21** – **Family Promise Annual Event**  
VF Designer Outlet Bldg. - 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Individual and business sponsors are still needed.  
To make reservations or for more information  
contact Family Promise at 610-373-3323